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97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR WALLINGFORD.

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To repeal sections 42.170, 42.200, and 42.220, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof five new sections relating to military medal programs.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 42.170, 42.200, and 42.220, RSMo, are repealed and
2 five new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 42.170, 42.200,
3 42.220, 42.310, and 42.315, to read as follows:

42.170. 1. Every veteran who honorably served on active duty in the
2 United States military service at any time beginning December 7, 1941, and
3 ending December 31, 1946, shall be entitled to receive a medallion, medal and a
4 certificate of appreciation pursuant to sections 42.170 to 42.185, provided that:

5 (1) Such veteran is a legal resident of this state or was a legal resident
6 of this state at the time he or she entered or was discharged from military service
7 or at the time of his or her death **or such veteran served in a unit of the**
8 **Missouri National Guard regardless of whether such veteran is or ever**
9 **was a legal resident of this state;** and

10 (2) Such veteran was honorably separated or discharged from military
11 service or is still in active service in an honorable status, or was in active service
12 in an honorable status at the time of his or her death.

13 2. The medallion, medal and the certificate shall be awarded regardless
14 of whether or not such veteran served within the United States or in a foreign
15 country. The medallion, medal and the certificate shall be awarded regardless
16 of whether or not such veteran was under eighteen years of age at the time of
17 enlistment. For purposes of sections 42.170 to 42.185, "veteran" means any
18 person defined as a veteran by the United States Department of Veterans' Affairs
19 or its successor agency.

42.200. 1. There is hereby created within the state adjutant general's office the "Korean Conflict Medallion Program". Every veteran who honorably served on active duty in the United States military service at any time beginning June 27, 1950, and ending January 31, 1955, shall be entitled to receive a Korean Conflict medallion, medal, and a certificate of appreciation pursuant to sections 42.200 to 42.206, provided that:

(1) Such veteran is a legal resident of this state or was a legal resident of this state at the time he or she entered or was discharged from military service or at the time of his or her death **or such veteran served in a unit of the Missouri National Guard regardless of whether such veteran is or ever was a legal resident of this state;** and

(2) Such veteran was honorably separated or discharged from military service or is still in active service in an honorable status, or was in active service in an honorable status at the time of his or her death.

2. The Korean Conflict medallion, medal, and a certificate shall be awarded regardless of whether or not such veteran served within the United States or in a foreign country. The medallion, medal, and the certificate shall be awarded regardless of whether or not such veteran was under eighteen years of age at the time of enlistment. For purposes of sections 42.200 to 42.206, "veteran" means any person defined as a veteran by the United States Department of Veterans' Affairs or its successor agency.

42.220. 1. There is hereby created within the state adjutant general's office the "Vietnam War Medallion Program". Every veteran who honorably served on active duty in the United States military service at any time beginning February 28, 1961, and ending May 7, 1975, shall be entitled to receive a Vietnam War medallion, medal, and a certificate of appreciation under sections 42.220 to 42.226, provided that:

(1) Such veteran is a legal resident of this state or was a legal resident of this state at the time he or she entered or was discharged from military service or at the time of his or her death **or such veteran served in a unit of the Missouri National Guard regardless of whether such veteran is or ever was a legal resident of this state;** and

(2) Such veteran was honorably separated or discharged from military service or is still in active service in an honorable status, or was in active service in an honorable status at the time of his or her death.

2. The Vietnam War medallion, medal, and a certificate shall be awarded

16 regardless of whether or not such veteran served within the United States or in
17 a foreign country. The medallion, medal, and the certificate shall be awarded
18 regardless of whether or not such veteran was under eighteen years of age at the
19 time of enlistment. For purposes of sections 42.220 to 42.226, "veteran" means
20 any person defined as a veteran by the United States Department of Veterans'
21 Affairs or its successor agency.

**42.310. 1. There is hereby created within the state adjutant
2 general's office the "Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn
3 Medallion Program". Every veteran who honorably served on active
4 duty in the United States military service at any time beginning March
5 19, 2003, and ending December 15, 2011, shall be entitled to receive an
6 Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn medallion, medal,
7 and a certificate of appreciation pursuant to this section, provided
8 that:**

9 **(1) Such veteran is a legal resident of this state or was a legal
10 resident of this state at the time he or she entered or was discharged
11 from military service or at the time of his or her death or such veteran
12 served in a unit of the Missouri National Guard regardless of whether
13 such veteran is or ever was a legal resident of this state; and**

14 **(2) Such veteran was honorably separated or discharged from
15 military service or is still in active service in an honorable status, or
16 was in active service in an honorable status at the time of his or her
17 death.**

18 **2. The Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn
19 medallion, medal, and a certificate shall be awarded regardless of
20 whether or not such veteran served within the United States or in a
21 foreign country. The medallion, medal, and the certificate shall be
22 awarded regardless of whether or not such veteran was under eighteen
23 years of age at the time of enlistment. For purposes of this section,
24 "veteran" means any person defined as a veteran by the United States
25 Department of Veterans' Affairs or its successor agency.**

**42.315. 1. There is hereby created within the state adjutant
2 general's office the "Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert
3 Storm Medallion Program". Every veteran who honorably served on
4 active duty in the United States military service at any time beginning
5 August 7, 1990, and ending June 7, 1991, shall be entitled to receive an
6 Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm medallion, medal,**

7 and a certificate of appreciation pursuant to this section, provided
8 that:

9 (1) Such veteran is a legal resident of this state or was a legal
10 resident of this state at the time he or she entered or was discharged
11 from military service or at the time of his or her death or such veteran
12 served in a unit of the Missouri National Guard regardless of whether
13 such veteran is or ever was a legal resident of this state; and

14 (2) Such veteran was honorably separated or discharged from
15 military service or is still in active service in an honorable status, or
16 was in active service in an honorable status at the time of his or her
17 death.

18 2. The Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm
19 medallion, medal, and a certificate shall be awarded regardless of
20 whether or not such veteran served within the United States or in a
21 foreign country. The medallion, medal, and the certificate shall be
22 awarded regardless of whether or not such veteran was under eighteen
23 years of age at the time of enlistment. For purposes of this section,
24 "veteran" means any person defined as a veteran by the United States
25 Department of Veterans' Affairs or its successor agency.

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